



Durham Region Transit Report

To: Durham Region Transit Executive Committee
From: General Manager, Durham Region Transit
Report: #2023-DRT-09
Date: April 5, 2023

Subject:

Appointment of members to the Durham Region Transit Advisory Committee

Recommendations:

That the Durham Region Transit Executive Committee (TEC) appoint the following nominees to the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC) for the term of this Council:

- A) Nominated by local municipal Councils:
 - a. Town of Ajax: Arshia Ali
 - b. Township of Brock: Monique Bonk
 - c. Municipality of Clarington: Pranay Gunti
 - d. City of Pickering: Azmat Mujeeb
 - e. Town of Whitby: Tim Ralph

 - B) Two (2) members at large to be appointed by the Executive Committee from the applications received but not nominated by local municipalities who use public transit service;

 - C) Two (2) members nominated by the Accessibility Advisory Committee:
 - a. Wayne Henshall;
 - b. Jim McEwen;

 - D) Chair of TEC as Chair of TAC; and

 - E) Durham Region Transit (DRT) General Manager, as non-voting member.
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Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to obtain approval from TEC for nominations received from local municipalities and other stakeholder groups, as set out in the [Terms of](#)

[Reference](#) for representation on TAC.

2. Background

- 2.1 As per its [Terms of Reference](#), TAC is comprised of 17 members in total (16 voting and one non-voting), including a representative from each area municipality.
- 2.2 Applications were due by October 27, 2022. DRT received applications for the Town of Ajax, Township of Brock, Municipality of Clarington, City of Pickering, and Town of Whitby. The applications and letters of interest were forwarded to the respective local municipal Councils on January 9, 2023, with a request to nominate their representative.
- 2.3 The jointly nominated member from the student associations at Ontario Tech University, Durham College and Trent University (or their designate) is awaiting confirmation. Discussions are underway with the student associations to advise of their joint member. The Durham College student association does not have an executive in place to participate in this joint discussion. The name of the nominee will be confirmed at a future TEC meeting.
- 2.4 The municipal appointment process may be deemed to have concluded, based on demonstrated interest to date. In accordance with the Terms of Reference, should a local Council not receive an application for appointment to TAC, then the appointment for that municipality will remain vacant for the term of this Council unless the local municipality receives subsequent expression of interest and opts to approve an appointment during the term of Regional Council.
- 2.5 A regionwide search is underway to identify a representative from Oshawa, Scugog and Uxbridge. The names of the nominees will be provided at a future TEC meeting for appointment.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 Not applicable

4. Financial

- 4.1 There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

5. Staff Recommendations

- 5.1 Staff has selected five applicants who would best complement the proposed membership, as detailed in Confidential Attachment #1, for consideration in the selection of the two (2) at large members to serve as the Transit Executive

Committee's appointees. The selected applicants include:

- Tharshan Vigneswaran – Town of Ajax
- Richard Claxton Oldfield – Municipality of Clarington
- Khalid Hamilton – Town of Whitby
- Lucas Zver – Town of Whitby
- Tyler Smale – Town of Whitby

5.2 TEC is requested to select two members from the short list of appointees for appointment as at large members to the Transit Advisory Committee.

6. Relationship to Strategic Plan

6.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

- a. **Community Vitality:** To foster an exceptional quality of life with services that contribute to strong neighbourhoods, vibrant and diverse communities, and influence our safety and well-being.
- b. **Service Excellence:** To provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective and fiscally sustainable service delivery.

7. Conclusion

It is recommended that the Transit Executive Committee appoint the individuals to the Transit Advisory Committee as set out in this report. The appointment of TAC members by TEC will enable staff to notify members and schedule the first TAC meeting for May 16, 2023.

8. Attachments

8.1 Confidential Attachment #1: Applications received

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Recommended for Presentation to Committee

Original signed by

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